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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), Applicant respectfully petitions that the claim be accepted for priority submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith, for priority from Serial No. 09/762,539, filed February 8, 2001, which is a national phase of PCT/US98/25822, filed December 4, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/019,841, filed February 6, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/986,004 filed December 5, 1997.

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The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Our check for the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(t) of \$1,300.00 is enclosed.

In light of the foregoing, an early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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